

246 THE FIRST NUMBER DRAWN

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The first number drawn in the lottery of 21-year-old selects was 246.

In quick succession followed 1168, 818, 1091 and 479. The sixth number was 469. Then came 492, 154, 529 and 355. America's second great select lottery occurred today.

Numbers determining the order of service for 21-year-olds were drawn at the Senate office building in the presence of Secretary of War Baker. Provost Marshal General Crowder, senators and an interested outside group.

A pretty southern girl, "Major Billy" Wellborn, Select Bureau information chief, presided over the lottery, drawing most of the 1200 numbers upon which rest the fate of nearly 750,000 youths slated for overseas service by reason of their inclusion in Class 1.

Secretary Baker drew the first number, guests drew several more and then Miss Wellborn continued the process.

AMERICAN FLYERS BOMB R. R. STATION

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, June 27.—An American bombing squadron blew up the railroad station and yards at Conflans (20 miles east of Verdun) on Wednesday and returned safely.

Major Harold E. Hartley, of Sarkatoon, Kas. (Sarkatoon, Canada) became an ace last night when he brought down a German plane. He had brought down four while serving with the Royal Flying Corps.

BRITISH CAPTURE GUNS AND MEN

LONDON, June 27.—British troops last night took a German strong point west of Vieux Berquin, east of Hazebrouck, and captured prisoners and machine guns, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. The German artillery has been active on the Lys salient.

RUSSIANS WILL COME BACK, SAYS KERENSKY

LONDON, June 27.—"I am certain the Russian people shortly will join with you in the great cause of freedom," Alexander Kerensky, former Russian premier, declared in an address at the British labor conference here on Wednesday.

"I have just come from Moscow. My duty as a statesman and Socialist is to tell the whole world that the Russian people are a democracy, fighting tyranny."

"In spite of the horrors in Russia, created by the Bolsheviks I am hopeful of a prompt regeneration," Kerensky declared.

"The closest friendship of the allies and America is most necessary for Russia's future well-being."

"I believe the Bolsheviks are working in the interest of Germany, but their days are numbered."

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

Blocked in their advance across the Piave river by the Italian and British forces, the Austro-Hungarians apparently have closed the first phase of their offensive against Italy. Viewed after a week of fighting, the offensive has been little more than a demonstration in force over a battle line more than 90 miles in length. The enemy succeeded only in pushing several divisions across the Piave river, on a 12-mile front.

From the first day of the attack it was seen that the Italians were not called upon to meet a tremendous onslaught on some strategic key to their position such as was launched at Caporetto last October. They had, rather, to defend their lines over a wide front against attacks which were launched seemingly more than sufficient power to penetrate more than some of the advanced posts of the Italians and their allies.

The second phase of the offensive is expected to begin at any time. It is not believed that the Austrians will be willing to end their drive against Italy with the results indicating an almost total failure. There have been intimations that Germany would assist in the attack which is coming and which may be launched against the mountain sector of the front. Large bodies of men have been assembled there, presumably for another attempt to break the mountain barrier.

Since the abortive attack on the Rhine front early in the week the western front has been quiet. There have been patrol encounters and the usual operations along the front, but nothing resembling a new drive by the Germans at the allied line has been reported. Berlin officially reports the presence of Italian troops in the Rhine sector.

American forces have continued their intense activity on the fronts where they are holding positions. Northwest of Chateau Thierry they have pushed their lines forward once more and east of the city have bombarded bodies of German troops.

The war department announced that the total casualties to date in the American army overseas reached 8,634, divided as follows: Killed in action (including 291 lost at sea), 1,342; died of wounds, 432; died of disease, 1,263; died of accidents and other causes, 446; wounded in action, 4,811; missing in action, including prisoners, 365.

June 24—Rome reports that the Austrian army is in retreat from the Montello plateau to the Adriatic sea. Under great pressure the enemy is attempting to recross the swollen Piave river. The Austrian losses in the drive are placed at 150,000.

June 25—Vienna admitted that the Austrian troops have been forced to evacuate the Montello plateau and some of the positions they attained last week along the Piave river. Bad weather and the rising of the Piave under the heavy rainfalls are assigned as the reasons for the withdrawal of the Austrians.

Rome announced the capture of 45,000 Austrian prisoners, with guns and stores, and that the Italians are on the heels of the fleeing enemy. Austrian losses in men killed and wounded are reported to be enormous. Americans succeeded in clearing the Belleau wood, northwest of Chateau Thierry, of the Germans. Prisoners were taken and five machine guns were captured by the Americans.

June 26—Official dispatches from Rome state that the Italians have cleared the remaining Austrian rear guards from the west bank of the Piave river and now are in possession of the entire river front. Additional prisoners to the number of 3,000 were taken. The Italians launched a new offensive against Austrian positions in the mountain regions, making notable gains of ground and taking prisoners and guns.

Vienna announced that the Austrians have taken more than 50,000 prisoners from the Italians since June 15 and that the aggregate losses of the Italians in the fighting, at the lowest estimate, is 150,000 men.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

On and after July 1, 1918, the price of The Democrat will be \$1.50 per year in advance. There is no need to tell our readers why the price is advanced, though many of them do not remember the conditions prevailing in the newspaper business at the time the price of \$1 per year was made. Previous to and at the time of the establishment of The Democrat the price of country newspapers was \$1.50 per year, and the size 6 columns to the page.

We have been referring to our files at that time and find the top price for hogs to be \$3.00, cattle \$3.25, wheat 70c, oats 18c, corn 20c, butter 6c to 12c, lard 4c to 5c, potatoes 20c. Print paper, ink and everything in the art of printing was at the same low level.

Remember, this rate goes into effect July 1. Most of our readers are paid up until January 1, 1919; some until 1920. The new rate does not effect those paid ahead. It only begins at the expiration of the time paid for. Back subscription up to July 1 is payable at the old rate. Renewals and new subscriptions will be taken up to and including Saturday night, June 28, at the old rate of \$1 per year. Dollar a-year papers have had their day.

THE CHAUTAUQUA IN THE WORLD WAR

Local leaders in the Chautauqua movement are delighted with the way things are shaping themselves. The ticket committee, advertising committee and all other committees have entered their work with a vim that augurs well for over-flowing tents and greatly inspired meetings. The fact that the President Woodrow Wilson has placed the endorsement of the Government upon the Chautauqua as an integral part of the National Defense has been taken hold of by the Chautauqua builders—and they have decided to make the "big top" this year resound with patriotic fervor and true patriotic service.

Realizing that oratory alone will not win the war, they are sending out speakers who add to the glamour of their eloquence, a hardheaded message of the service each of us can and must perform toward winning the war.

The President's words, which have so inspired Chautauqua efforts this year, were:

"The work that the Chautauqua is doing has not lost importance because of war, but rather has gained new opportunities for service."

"Let me express the hope that you will let no discouragement weaken your activities, and that the people will not fail in the support of a patriotic institution that may be said to be an integral part of the national defense."

In line with that high pronouncement, our local Chautauqua will perform some real patriotic services. It will have those who attend first-hand news from the bleeding battle fronts of Belgium and France. For George P. Bible—who was sent to Europe by the Community Chautauqua and the Red Cross to gather first-hand information concerning war conditions—is coming to tell us what he has seen. His masterly eloquence will picture in no uncertain terms the horrors of the Hun—and will show us the things that face America's growing millions on the battle line.

Alexander Cairns, who coined the word "Potsdamism" to express his opinion of the forces that started the war, comes with a message direct from Washington, where he conferred with the heads of the Government Departments and learned things about the war.

Robert Parker Miles—whose word-pictures of the great men he has known have become Chautauqua classics—adds a number of graphic delineations of great men—Americans and others—who are back of the war to win it for the Allies.

And even the Junior Chautauqua renders its war service, with badges of distinction for the children who have bought Thrift Stamps and with stories, games and pageants that lay stress on the service that even the child can do in connection with the Junior Red Cross, Conservation and other war movements.

FRED STEELE SENT TO JAIL

Fred Steele, charged with criminally abusing his own daughter, aged 14, is in jail under a thousand bond to await the action of the grand jury of the next term of the Common Pleas Court.

This was the result of a hearing in Justice Scranton's court last Monday. Steele denies the charges.

ATTORNEY LOREE TO LOOK AFTER PROSECUTOR'S WORK

Attorney John W. Loree has been appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney by Judge Miller of the Common Pleas Court, and will look after the business of the office in the absence of Prosecutor Stubbs in the army. Mr. Stubbs left Tuesday with the selects for Camp Sherman.

The office of County Food Administrator is also made vacant by Mr. Stubbs going to camp. These duties have been transferred to S. Cotterman, the county chairman of the food administration committee.

AMONG CHURCHES

CHURCHES OF GOD
(F. H. Snavely, pastor.)
Pleasant View—Sunday-school at 9:30 a.m.; preaching service at 10:30 a.m.; C. E. at 8 p.m.
Taber—Sunday-school at 9:30 a.m.
Entertainment at 8 p.m. A drama will be given by the young people, and Wm. D. Carroll, of Findlay College, will give an illustrated lecture, "Common Salt." This is missionary night, and the entertainment is in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society.

CHURCH OF GOD
(Rev. W. E. Turner, pastor.)
Celina Tabernacle—Sunday-school at 9 a.m.; W. R. Thomas, sup. Junior E. at 6 p.m. Senior C. E. at 7 p.m. Preaching service at 8 p.m.
Neptune—Sunday-school at 9:30 a.m.; W. R. Monroe, sup. Preaching service at 10:30 a.m. C. E. at 8 p.m.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

SAME OLD POLICE COURT FREQUENTERS

Earl Courtwright was hauled up before Mayor Scranton again last Tuesday, charged with being drunk and disorderly and given \$5 and costs.

Bert Andrews, another frequent buster of the laws, was arrested and fined Saturday for using insulting language in the presence of a woman. \$1 and costs. Some fellows seem to forget they have mothers and sisters, but perhaps they have a little respect for them.

Tuesday Bert was again hauled into the police court and given \$10 and costs. He was charged with furnishing liquor to inmates in the city hospital.

Nice bunch to send boys off to Europe to fight for.

REGISTRANTS OF SECOND DRAFT

The first allotment of questionnaires for registrants of the second draft have been mailed. They were sent out on the 25th, 26th and 27th. They are to appear before the draft board on July 1, 2 and 3, at 8 o'clock a.m., in the order in which they received their notifications. In other words, the questionnaires must be returned to the draft board one week from the date they are mailed.

The men are instructed not to fill the questionnaires without the aid of an attorney. The order promulgated by the advisory board says: "Study your questionnaires from beginning to end and acquaint yourself with their requirements. Make no marks on it."

Among Soldier Lads

Five former Mercer county boys, transferred to the draft board last Tuesday, were sent to various camps last Tuesday. They were:

Ralph Pifer, from Coldwater, Mich., to Camp Custer.

Adolph Brinkman, from Washburn, N.D., to Camp Sherman.

Robert O. Bennett, from Fessenden, N.D., to Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Frank Kittle, from Grand Forks, N.D., to Camp Sherman.

Wm. Heinrichs, from Fremont, O., to Camp Sherman.

Fred Heyne, transferred to the board here from the Kansas board, was sent to Camp Funston, Kas., Monday.

WILL LEOPOLD COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY

How efficient is your community? And whose fault is it? How much blame for lack of fulfillment of your community dreams rests with the kickers? Come to Chautauqua and hear James S. Knox, "the verbal volcano," talk about these things.

Mr. Knox is head of the Knox School of Salesmanship. He has made a careful study of community problems knows more about them than any other one man in America. And he knows how to say what he thinks fearlessly and without bias. He is afraid neither to praise nor to criticize, and makes a careful survey of local community problems in advance of his lecture, so that he brings his remarks to bear directly on the home town problems.

Wherever desired, he will conduct a thirty-minute conference for business men.

CANNOT BUY SUGAR WITHOUT CERTIFICATES

Retail grocers, all public eating places, including boarding houses which take care of 25 persons or more, bakers, as well as candy makers, soft drink manufacturers and commercial canners can not buy sugar after July 1st except upon certificate, which they must secure from the Federal Food Administrator for the State.

To Our Subscribers

Unless all back subscription is paid and the paper ordered stopped, we will take it for granted that it is the intention of our readers to continue their subscriptions at the new rate going into effect July 1.

Ample notice of the change in price has been given for all to act in the matter. Letters containing checks, money orders or currency, bearing the date of June, will be considered as payments made before July, even if received later, the same as appearing in person before that date.

QUARTER CENTURY FAITHFUL SERVICE

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Very Rev. George Hindelang to the priesthood was celebrated by the congregation of the local Catholic church in this city last Friday, in which forty clergymen of the order of the Precious Blood participated.

Solemn high mass was celebrated by Father George with his classmates, Rev. Schuette, of Collegeville, as deacon, and Rev. Max Walz, of Rome City, as sub-deacon. Rev. Didicus Brackman, of Carthage, acting as master of ceremonies. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Raphael Schmas, of St. Rosa.

In the evening the congregation and visiting clergymen assembled at the K. of C. hall to further honor Father George, the speakers of the evening being Rev. Knapke, of Carthage, and Rev. Walz, of Rome City, who made talks on the Precious Blood Society, of which Rev. Hindelang was made Provincial four years ago. Knight W. J. Murphy, of Lima, also added a pleasing contribution to the occasion.

Local toches were added to the affair by solos by Jerome Grothman and a heart-to-heart talk by E. J. Hierholzer, in which he portrayed in a feeling manner the love and devotion which the congregation and the people of Celina held their worthy pastor.

Father George was ordained to the priesthood in 1893 at Cincinnati. Before coming to Celina 19 years ago he served charges at Maria Stein, Philothea, Coldwater, and Clinton, Mo.

Local Briefs

Vernon Allen, locked up in jail a week or so since when proven to be dodging military service, was taken to Toledo Monday for a hearing in the Federal Court.

Prof. W. S. Younger, who is in college service at Ada this summer, was here Friday attending a meeting of the Banner Fair board, of which he is a member.

A fire at Berne, Ind., last Sunday morning destroyed five business buildings. An explosion occurred during the fire and Druggist John Craig was killed by a falling wall.

News reached the friends of Earl Wagner in this city Wednesday of his marriage at Indianapolis last Monday to Miss Emma Koenig, a well known and popular St. Marys girl.

John A. Myers, the Butler township farmer arrested and jailed after a preliminary hearing before Justice Scranton a week or more ago on charges of burglary and grand larceny, has been released on bail.

Memorial services for Celina Chapter, No. 91, O.E.S., will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Three members of the chapter have died during the past year—Mrs. L. E. LeBlond, Mrs. Wm. Gottlieb and S. A. Schuyler.

The case of the State vs. Chas. Taylor, in Justice Scranton's court, was dismissed yesterday morning. The charges, preferred by Elizabeth Howell, and Walter Howell, her husband, were not sustained by sufficient evidence to convict, in the opinion of the court.

MERER

The frost Saturday night hit Corn and oats pretty hard.

Mr. and Mrs. Shir Miller and daughter of Jackson Center, Ohio, Blanch Donar and children, Jasper Williamson and wife were the Sunday guests of Geo. Miller and daughter.

C. W. Thomas is visiting for some time at Misouaka, Ind. with his daughter, Mrs. Fern Myers.

Mrs. Lou Williamson and daughter, Catherine visited Friday with Jasper Williamson and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Dildine spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Van Wert.

Joe Williamson and wife, of near Spencerville, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Stiner, of Detroit, came Sunday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Andy Safatos, east of Mercer.

Perry Layland, who has been sick for some time, is seriously ill.

Cincinnati Daily Post and The Democrat, both one year, \$2.50.

Mind of Soldier Laid Unbalanced

At an inquest held in the probate court last Friday before Judge Miller, acting in the absence of Judge Younger, Ignatius Rauh, of Ft. Recovery, was pronounced insane after an examination conducted by Dr. J. V. Richardson. Young Rauh's mind seems to have been first affected while in a training camp. He was then discharged and sent home, but his condition only seemed to grow worse. He was taken to the State hospital at Toledo for treatment.

CHILDREN'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT BETHANY

Children's day will be celebrated at Bethany Evangelical Church in this city next Sunday evening. A splendid program is being prepared for the occasion and a large attendance is anticipated. You will have to come early to get a seat. It is intended that the offering for mission will exceed all past efforts. Come prepared to do your part.

THE HAINLINE-STUCK SECOND FAMILY REUNION

The second annual Hainline-Stuck reunion was held at the fair-ground at this city last Sunday, and was a well attended, very pleasant affair. The dinner, one of the chief things of interest at such gatherings, was this year set under the trees. The tables did not seem to show any effects from the Hoover restrictions though they were no doubt well observed. There are so many good things that mothers can get together for hungry mortals in this glorious old land we wonder anybody has the heart to complain of our war-time menu. It was great, and pleasantness went the rounds as old and young fed their faces.

Among those in attendance from out of the county were Rufus Circle, wife and daughter, of Virginia and Vivian, of West Milton; B. S. Mote, wife and sons, David, Kyle and Wilbur, of Troy; Albert Myers, wife and daughters, Diana and Echo, and son Donley, of Covington; Warren Gustin and children, Catharine and John, of Covington; Dr. Leo R. Courtwright, of Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Manger, of Lima.

The next reunion will be held the 3rd Sunday in June, 1919.

GAS COMPANY WANTS A RAISE

The Lima managers of the Celina Gas Co., at the regular session of council last Tuesday night, asked for a raise of their rate to 50 cents per thousand feet, saying they could not operate at the prevailing rate of 35 cents.

Celina's tax budget for the year 1919 will be slightly over \$56,000, according to the certification of Clerk Winter, the amounts set off for each fund being as follows:

General fund	\$5,000
Health fund	700
Safety fund	4,500
Service fund	4,500
Sinking fund	40,000

A resolution was passed to take up the \$10,000 of park and boulevard bonds. The resignation of Street Commissioner Merkle was read and accepted. Ed has been one of the best street commissioners Celina ever had, and would have made the town shine like a new dollar if he had been given the help needed for doing the job right. The Democrat is sorry to see him pass up the work he took pride in and did so efficiently.

The Mayor and Clerk were ordered to issue a certificate of indebtedness to pay balance due on sanitary sewer work.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Almira Hamilton Roether, pioneer Union township woman, aged nearly 77, died at the home of her son, Floyd Roether, last Tuesday. Her husband died several years ago. The deceased is survived by five children—Mrs. Etta Ballinger, William, Floyd, Alice and Orela Roether. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Henry Sudhoff, aged 45 years, a former well known farmer, died at his home in this city last Friday. He had been in bad health for some time, and a few weeks since underwent an operation at Ft. Wayne hospital for relief. Instead he grew worse, and a couple days before his demise he was brought home. The family moved to Celina about three years ago. He is survived by his wife and two children. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Monday.

THE SPOT THAT GOD LOVES BEST

The west begins where the east leaves off. And no man knows the spot; The starting-point of the sunny south Is the place where the north is not; We call it east where the welcome sun First tints the rosy skies; We call it west where the shadows fade, When the evening twilight dies; We call it north where the snowdrifts pile, When the wintry blizzards blow; We call it south where the orange blooms And the sweet magnolias grow; We will travel east, we will wander west, To the north or south we'll roam; If we're still in sight of the stars and stripes, The spot is home, sweet home.

For the starry banner shall float aloft From the calm Pacific shores To the rugged rocks of the far-off coast, Where the broad Atlantic roars. There is no north and there is no south, And we know no east, no west, For any old place in the U. S. A. Is the spot that God loves best.

Any person knowing what farm land is should look out the John Bitter farm. It sells July 27th.

106 acres will sell, and the balance of the 120 acres goes to the purchaser of the Bitter farm.

Do not expect our lives to die for you if you are not worth living for. Show our Army and Navy that you are worthy of protection. Save to the utmost of your ability and buy U. S. S. with your savings.

On and after July 1, 1918, The Democrat and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one year, will be \$4.00.

The John T. Bitter farm of 120 acres will sell July 27th.

Do you get up at night? Sanol is surely the best for all kidney or bladder troubles. Sanol gives relief in 24 hours from all backache and bladder trouble. Sanol is a guaranteed remedy. 35c and \$1.00 a bottle at the drug stores. adv.

FINE TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING LADS

It was a patriotic crowd of Coldwater people that came up to honor the selects that left Tuesday noon for camp Sherman to become part of the National army. It was their turn to have charge of the ceremonies that have marked the departure of the flower of our young manhood for the cantonments as they have been called to the service, and as patriotic, thoughtful and warm-hearted entertainers handsomely did they acquit themselves. Threatening skies did not dampen their ardor in the least, though it was necessary to hold the speaking part of the program in-doors and many could not gain access to the city hall in which it was held.

Mayor Morvilius was master of ceremonies, and after the Rockford band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and Rev. J. M. Potts, of the Coldwater M. E. Church had invoked heaven's richest blessings upon the boys and the homes they were leaving, he introduced the speaker of the day, Rev. Louis H. Yausa, pastor of the Coldwater Catholic Church. Rev. Yausa's addresses were eloquent and patriotic to the core. One of its many striking passages was—

"War means sacrifice, but in this war it means glory and honor, for it is a world struggle for liberty. We did not want it, but our ships were sunk; they called us cowards and said we cared only for the Almighty dollar and would never fight. But Germany knows now we can fight. The kitten has become the tiger; the pacifist the warrior."

"The Stars and Stripes Forever," was his slogan.

Ex-County Treasurer Albers led in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and Mayor Morvilius paid a parting tribute to boys and our soldiers.

Comfort kits were presented to the lads by twenty young women dressed in Red Cross garb, and Hon. H. C. Fox Dr. Weamer gave out the souvenirs.

The Rockford, Neptune-Montezuma and Coldwater bands furnished music.

BANNER FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Mercer county fair board held an all-day meeting last Friday at their office in this city, all members being present. There is a splendid outlook this year for the Banner Fair, as every one seems to have his shoulder to the wheel and taking an interest in its affairs.

The following men were elected for special duties during fair week, August 19 to 23:

Chief of Police—William Weaver.
Marshal—Frank Shellebarger.
Gate Keepers—Frank Harb, Theodore Niman, Ben Girdes, J. S. Carter, Harry Winklesho, John Pollock, L. Jamison, Sam Younger, John Cichy, Jack Rhoades.
General Police—Wm. Beck, Wm. Shupp, Herman Klotzmann, Werner Fomer, Wm. Kuhn, Geo. Leiser, Jacob Reynolds, Ben Miller, Wm. Young, Geo. Coats, Andy Wagner, Geo. Helmer, Henry Wehrkamp, Del Cummins, G. R. Hayes, Charles Andrews.
Ticket Sellers—A. R. Bruns, D. Springer, Wm. Pond, Frank Stoner, Geo. Kinder and Anthony Kleinhaus.
Gate Keepers—Frank Harb, Theodore Niman, Ben Girdes, J. S. Carter, Harry Winklesho, John Pollock, L. Jamison, Sam Younger, John Cichy, Jack Rhoades.
Automobile Police—Clifford Howell, Zahnas Hayes, Sam Chivington, Ben Baugher, Art Hall Helgeson, Neil Kinder, Miss Springer, E. E. Risen.

The following bands have been secured: Coldwater, Chautauqua, Rockford, Celina Boys' Band and the Mendon-Montezuma Band.

NEPTUNE TO HAVE A PATRIOTIC PAGEANT

The Sunday-school of the Church of God at Neptune will give a patriotic pageant Saturday evening at 8:30,